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Commons In Session

Federal House Opened With Great Attendance and Brilliant Scene.

New Conservative Members Introduced and Seated With Much Enthusiasm.

Borden Will at Once Grapple With Grand Trunk Railway Project.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 11.—Parliament opened today with great éclat. The scene in the senate chamber was brilliant. Manitoba and New Brunswick were represented by their Lieut.-Governors. The diplomatic corps was in full force. Lady Minto and Lady Laurier each had many friends with them. Mrs. Riley had a prominent seat on the floor. The Commons having sent for the Governor-General he read the following speech:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again meeting you in parliament it is our first duty to express our heartfelt thanks to a beneficent Providence for the bountiful harvest which which the country has been favored during the past year, and for the general prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion.

It is very gratifying to note that the yearly increasing trade of Canada, which has been so marked a feature of the past six years, gives no indication of any abatement, while the numbers of settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the Territories is without a parallel in the history of the country.

These two very important facts lead irresistibly to the conclusion that long before the transcontinental railway, authorized by parliament at its last session, can possibly be completed, its urgent necessity as a medium for carrying the products of the West to our own Atlantic ports will have become apparent, independently of the many benefits that will follow from the opening up for colonization and for various enterprises of the northern parts of Quebec and Ontario.

The agreement made with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company regarding a new transcontinental railway contained certain stipulations which, in effect, required the Grand Trunk Company of Canada to become a party to that agreement, and to assume heavy obligations in respect thereof.

Further consideration of the agreement by the representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway Company and my government has resulted in showing the desirability of certain amendments to the contract which, having been approved by the board of directors and the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, will be submitted to you for ratification. The sum of \$5,000,000 in cash has been deposited in the Bank of Montreal in accordance with the provisions contained in the original and supplement agreements with the company.

A militia bill will be introduced containing several important amendments to the present law, rendered necessary by the growth of the force and calculated to promote its efficiency.

A copy of the award defining the boundary between the Dominion and Alaska, and other papers connected with the controversy, will be laid before you.

In view of the widely-extended settlements now forming in the Territories, it will become necessary to increase the strength of the North-west Mounted Police force, and authority will be asked for that purpose.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue will exceed the expenditure, leaving a balance to be applied in reduction of the public debt. The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

After the long, protracted session of the last year, when so many important matters were dealt with, it is not probable that your duties will involve your being detained on the present occasion for any length of time. I commend, however, to your best consideration the subjects to which I have referred, and I invoke the Divine blessing on your deliberations.

The debate on the address has been adjourned until Monday.

The proceedings then terminated, when the Commons resumed. Then the introduction of new members followed. Rivet of Lochelanga, was presented by the prime minister and Mr. Fisher; Mr. Lavergne, Montmarquet, was introduced by the prime minister and his uncle, Mr. Lavergne, of Drummond; Mr. Hazzard of West Queens, by Emmerson and Mr. Kinross; Mr. Armstrong of East Lambton, by Mr. Borden and Mr. Clancy. The Liberal members were received with applause from the ministerial bench. Mr. Armstrong got a rousing reception from the Conservatives, who meted him a hearty welcome. Mr. Rivet, Mr. Lavergne, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Borden and Mr. Clancy, were greeted with loud Conservative applause, which was intensified when minutes later Mr. Daniels of St. John, came in between Mr. Borden and Mr. Clancy.

Mr. Armstrong remarked, amid laughter, "you had better wait a minute, we will have two more."

Donnelly, East Bruce, was then presented by Mr. Borden and E. P. Clarke, and was greeted with loud Conservative applause, which was intensified when minutes later Mr. Daniels of St. John, came in between Mr. Borden and Mr. Clancy.

Mr. Borden pointed out that it would be necessary to have the new agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company laid on the table before the address was taken into consideration. The document would be laid on the table before the end of the sitting.

That it was evidently not the intention to present the document today had not been called for it was evidenced by the long wait which followed. Presently it was brought in and the agreement laid on the table. The house then adjourned.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier gave notice of a (Continued on Page Two.)

DUEL TO THE DEATH BY TORPEDO BOATS

Russians and Japs Suffer Equal Losses in Fierce Naval Battle off Port Arthur Wednesday Night.

Story Told Czar by Viceroy Alexieff.

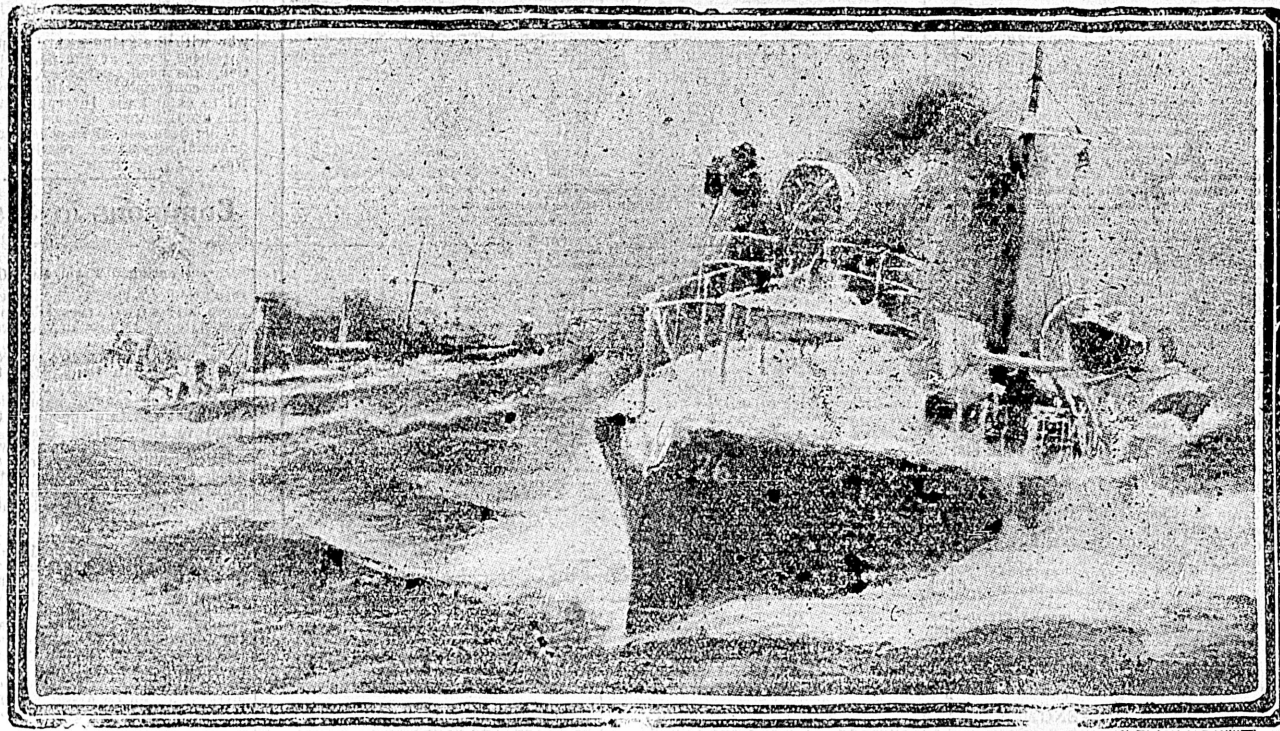
St. Petersburg March 11.—The Emperor has received a message from Viceroy Alexieff which says:—

"Admiral Makaroff commanding the fleet, reports from Port Arthur under date of March 10:—

"Six torpedo boats which went out to sea the night of March 9, four of them being under the general command of Captain Matiussevsch, encountered the enemy's torpedo boats, followed by cruisers. A hot action ensued in which the torpedo boat destroyer Vlastin discharged a whitehead torpedo and sunk one of the enemy's torpedo boats. On the way back the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguschetchi, commanded by Lieut. Sergueieff, sustained damages. Her engine was disabled and she began to founder. By 8 o'clock in the morning five of our torpedo boat destroyers returned. When the critical position of the Stereguschetchi became evident, I hoisted my flag on the cruiser Novik and went with the Novik and the cruiser Boyarin to the rescue. But as five of the enemy's cruisers surrounded our destroyer, and as their battleship squadron was approaching, I did not succeed in saving the Stereguschetchi, which foundered. Part of the crew were made prisoners and part were drowned. On the ships which participated in the night attack one officer was seriously, and five others slightly, wounded, but two sailors were killed and eighteen wounded. At 9 o'clock fourteen of the enemy's ships assembled before Port Arthur, and a bombardment was begun with the heavy guns of their battleship squadron at long range. This lasted until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is estimated that they fired 154 twelve-inch shells. The damage to our vessels was insignificant and they are again ready for battle. Our losses were: One officer slightly wounded and one soldier killed and four soldiers wounded. The illumination of the sea by night by the searchlights was most satisfactory, and several times isolated shots from the batteries forced the enemy's torpedo boats to retire. With the commencement of the bombardment at dawn the guns of the fortress replied to the enemy's fire. The crews of all the ships engaged gave proof of remarkable coolness in action. Below decks the work of the day followed its ordinary course in spite of the shells falling between the vessels and covering them with fragments. A bombardment at such a distance must be considered ineffective. The Japanese cruiser Takasago is reported to have been seen to suffer serious damage, the extent, however, it is impossible to ascertain at a distance of five miles. Many shells were fired at a range of seven and a half miles."

"I have the honor to report the foregoing to Your Majesty."

(Signed) ALEXIEFF."



Japanese Torpedo Boats Manoeuvring in a Snow Storm

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The complete story of the fierce fight off Port Arthur between the torpedo boat flotilla which occurred Wednesday (Thursday) and the bombardment which followed on Thursday morning was not given out here until after midnight. Official messages from Viceroy Alexieff had been received during the day and presented to the Emperor, but the public remained in suspense. All sorts of rumors of the information contained in the despatches were spread among the officials, but they did not have the texts and were under the impression that Admiral Makaroff had directed that attack upon the enemy's fleet. When the texts appeared it became evident that the collisions between the torpedo fleets had occurred accidentally during the night while the Russians were scouting in search of the enemy. As far as known this is the first time torpedo boats have engaged each other. Although the odds were against the Russians, the Japanese flotilla was supported by the cruiser squadron. The Russians made a heroic dash for the foe and apparently had the better of the combat, sinking a Japanese torpedo boat and the cruisers got within range and one of the latter's shells crippled the Stereguschetchi. The gallant action of Vice Admiral Makaroff in turning his flag to the fast cruiser Novik and sailing out in the face of the enemy in an attempt at rescue, received unstinted praise, stamping him at the outset of his command as a man of force and action who insists upon being in the van of the fighting. Not much importance is attached here to the bombardment on account of the great distance of the enemy from the batteries. Their cruisers took refuge behind the Liao Tsin promontory, fearing to expose themselves to the direct fire of the forts. The removal of the battleship Retvizan from the mouth of the inner harbor which marked the assumption of command by Admiral Makaroff, will permit the free exit of the heavy armored ships. It had been believed that the reason why the Russian ships had not made a sortie before was the apprehension of meeting with a superior force, but it is now clear that the ships were unable to leave. With this channel open it is expected that Admiral Makaroff will make the squadron an aggressive one. Appreciating the importance of a division of the fleet before the war it is believed that Admiral Makaroff will attempt to

unite his forces by bringing the Vladivostok squadron to Port Arthur. Repairs on the battleship Retvizan will be completed in a few weeks, but the battleship Czarevitch is so badly damaged that it is thought that she can not participate in any of the operations for a long time. No official reports of recent fights have been received here up to this hour.

ANOTHER REPORT.

Admiral Alexieff has sent the following message to the Emperor: "In the heat of our torpedo boats and the Japanese cruisers on March 11, Capt. Matiussevsch, Ensign Alexandroff and mechanical engineer, received slight injuries. The commandant at Port Arthur reports as follows concerning the bombardment of the fortress there on March 10: 'As soon as the enemy opened fire our batteries replied. Six of the enemy's ships remained behind the Liao Tsin promontory and opened fire on the fortress over that shelter. They caused bombardment at 1:15 p. m. The enemy fired about two hundred projectiles. One shell from battery No. 15 on Electric cliff damaged a Japanese gunner seriously. The results of the bombardment were insignificant. Six soldiers were wounded, three inhabitants of the town were killed and one was seriously wounded.' According to General Stuessel's report the officers and soldiers in the batteries fired their guns in perfect order."

GENERAL KUROPATKIN.

General Kuropatkin, who is about to leave for the Far East to take command of the military forces there, had a long farewell interview with the Emperor today. He also paid his visits to the Empress and Grand Dukes. The Emperor, in bidding him farewell, expressed the greatest confidence that he would bring glory to the Russian arms. Later in the day General Kuropatkin received a deputation from the municipal council, who presented him with an address and a triple ikon, or sacred picture, representing the warrior saints, Alexander Nevsky, Alexis and George. The general received the ikon on bended knee and kissed it. In returning thanks to the deputation he spoke modestly and said: "It is necessary to be calm and patient. The army will make faithful efforts to accomplish the task entrusted to it by the Emperor. Slight reverses are possible. Our troops are assembling slowly, and in this every thing depends on the railroad. I am firmly confident that God will respond

to our prayers and bless the Russian arms."

NO CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY.

It can be asserted positively that there will be no conflict of authority between Viceroy Alexieff and General Kuropatkin. The former is to retain administrative control of the viceroyalty. General Kuropatkin, although nominally a subordinate, will exercise complete control of the land operations, and Admiral Makaroff will command the fleet in the Far East. About five thousand men are going forward over the Siberian railway every day, and by the middle of April all the troops to put into effect the plans of the government will be in east Asia. The railroad around Lake Balkal is expected to be completed by the middle of April, and thereafter troops, transportation of supplies and munitions of war will not, it is believed, give any further trouble.

A NEW COMMANDER.

Admiral Makaroff inaugurated his assumption of the command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by a complete change of tactics. So soon as he appeared he ordered the removal of the battleship Retvizan which was stranded at the mouth of the harbor, and barred the channel at certain stages of the tide making the egress of battleships impossible. This morning he directed a sortie against the Japanese. The details are not yet known except that the encounter resulted in the loss of one Japanese torpedo boat and one Russian torpedo boat destroyer.

TROOPS AT HARBIN.

Mukden, March 11.—It is officially announced that, in consequence of the conflicting accounts of the landing of Japanese troops at different points, and the various reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders, the Russian army corps which had arrived at Harbin will be detained there. It will be most difficult to find accommodation for this great body of troops, and their detention at Harbin will entail much hardship on the soldiers.

RUSSIA AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The finance minister has authorized the formation of a commission from among the artists, artists, etc., intending to make a display at St. Louis, in spite of the government's withdrawal of official participation. No governmental or financial support will be given to these exhibitors, but it is hoped, nevertheless, that Russian fine arts will be well represented.

On Policy Of Japan

Recent Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg Interviewed on Topic

Korea to Be Opened Up to the Markets of the World.

His Country Ambitious to Spread Benefits of Modern Civilization.

Paris, March 11.—M. Kurino, until recently Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, has arrived here on his way to Genoa, where he will embark on his way home. He received the correspondent of the Associated Press and talked most interestingly on some of the present general issues of the war.

"It is a remarkable fact," said the minister, "that Korea is in a worse condition now than it was ten years ago. At that time a general state of ignorance prevailed owing to the government's policy against modern methods. Recently the French minister at Seoul passed through St. Petersburg on his way to Paris, and told that the conditions of ignorance and incompetence were worse today than when I observed them. For that reason I do not think the reports of Marquis Ito's

MISSION TO KOREA

is for the purpose of introducing reforms is correct. Count Inou tried some years ago without success. The difficulty of the situation is that the introduction of the mere external forms of modern civilization is not enough, as what the Koreans need is the substance, the essence of modern methods instead of mere outward forms.

When asked what would be the result of the entrance of the Japanese into Korea, the former minister said: "There are many erroneous reports concerning Japan's intentions and policy towards Korea. It seems to be the prevailing impression that Japan is bent on absorbing Korea, territorially and politically, but, as a matter of fact, she has no such purpose, and the reports are due to failure to comprehend Japan's

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A CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE.

Much interest has been aroused by the telegram we published on Thursday from our own correspondent at Ottawa in regard to the proposal to establish a naval reserve in Canada. We must wait for the particulars of the scheme until Mr. Prentiss, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, introduces his Bill dealing with the matter in the present session of Parliament. Mr. Prentiss intends going to England this summer to see the Admiralty with a view of obtaining two British cruisers on which to train men for the Navy. One of these cruisers is to be placed at an Atlantic port and the other on the Pacific Coast. The telegram from Ottawa refers to an idea of "establishing a navy in Canada" but we can scarcely assume that this is literally correct. Even were it desired to do so, it would be beyond the reasonable financial ability of Canada to construct and maintain a navy that would be of any practical utility; except as an auxiliary to the Imperial Navy. Nor have the Admiralty or the most experienced and competent naval experts held the view that a number of small colonial squadrons could be as efficient for defensive purposes as vessels entirely under the control of the Admiralty and forming an integral part of the Royal Navy. Two or three vessels stationed on our coasts would be of little protection against an attack by a hostile fleet. Nor does it necessarily follow that in case of war the best defence would be for such vessels to be retained at home. The most effective defence might be to seek out the enemy wherever he was and probably to act on the offensive and not on the defence. The protection that Nelson afforded the British Isles from Napoleon's attempt to invade them, was not by remaining with his fleet in the English Channel or along the eastern coast, but in seeking the enemy in his own ports, on the coast of Spain or in the Mediterranean.

Nor would a few vessels maintained as a Canadian squadron afford the training for seamen that actual service in the British Navy would give them. There can be no doubt, we think, that the formation of a naval reserve would be as popular in Canada as it has proved to be in Newfoundland. The experiment has proved very successful there and from the populations on our Atlantic and Pacific seaboard there should be little difficulty in securing a large number of volunteers if the proper course is pursued. Certainly such a movement will have the hearty support of the people at large, irrespective of political affiliations. It will be another step in the unification of the Empire; in making the people of all parts of it feel that they are bound together as one nation and that wherever an enemy may appear or danger threaten, there will be found stout hearts and strong arms in support of the common nationality and the one flag. As the greatest maritime part of the Empire, outside of the United Kingdom, it is fitting and proper that Canadians should give some practical proof of their willingness to join in the defence of the immense maritime commerce that is carried on under the British flag.

The revolution that has taken place in naval affairs during the last forty years, involves great changes in the personnel of the fleets, whether officers or bluejackets. No longer is it possible to take a man from a merchantman and make him immediately available for service on an ironclad. A modern man-of-war is a great and very complicated machine. The training of a sailor in the old days was entirely different from what is required now, and to assure the Navy doing what is required of it, necessitates that both officers and men should be thoroughly conversant with the duties they have to perform. What skillful and highly trained crews can do in modern vessels has been demonstrated lately in the achievements of the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur. Most of the officers who have distinguished themselves were at English or American naval academies and were noted there for their achievements. They have since been training their crews for some years in anticipation of the war that has now come, and with results that have been shown during the last few weeks.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

While Mr. Balfour and other members of his Cabinet are being urged in Parliament to disavow any intention of making radical changes in the country's fiscal policy, the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom are pressing the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the whole question of the effect that foreign tariffs have on British trade and what course it is desirable should be taken to protect the national commerce. No one will deny that the action taken by such a body must carry great weight. It represents every branch of trade and manufactures in the country. It has an advantage over Parliament in the respect that its members are all experts in their respective businesses or occupations. It may be alleged, of course, on the other hand that they are all interested in securing protection for their

particular interests from foreign competition, while Parliament on the contrary represents all classes in the community—the consumers equally with the producers. But it is somewhat of a fallacy to speak of the people of a country like England, as if they could be divided clearly into the two classes and a marked distinction possible of being made between them. Great Britain is first of all a manufacturing country and there is not a city or town of the first, second or third rank throughout the island and the population of which does not get its livelihood either by some kind of manufacture or by shipping the commodities produced by others. The people employed in these industries, or in the subsidiary occupations dependent on them, and in the operation of the various means of transportation are all consumers. But their incomes are dependent on the general trade of the country and they fluctuate as it is prosperous or the reverse. Anything, therefore, that restricts or lessens the country's trade, injures the great mass of consumers, while anything that would increase that trade by opening new markets for British manufactures must benefit them.

Mr. Balfour's declaration that the Government will not propose any preferential arrangement with the Colonies that would require the imposition of a duty on foodstuffs, must be regarded, if adhered to, as ending any negotiations for such an arrangement with the outlying dependencies of the Empire. A preference to Colonial produce necessarily implies a duty on the products of foreign countries. But the last word cannot be considered to have been uttered on this question, even though it was from the mouth of Mr. Balfour, the leader of the Government. The questions involved are so great, the interests concerned have such wide ramifications that not one session of Parliament or even one general election will be sufficient to settle them. At the same time it is not difficult to understand the opposition which any proposal for a radical change in the country's fiscal policy may raise. The whole immense fabric of national trade has been reared on a free trade foundation. For half a century the country has prospered under that system. Few will dispute that Cobden and his associates were wise in their generation, and under the conditions which then existed, in the policy which they advocated. Great Britain was then the workshop of the world. Could it but continue to produce cheaply they saw no reason why the country's pre-eminence in manufactures should not continue and all the world still buy of it what they wanted. To achieve their aim cheap labor was essential and that could not be had without cheap food. The free importation of food, was, therefore, a necessary and a most important part of the Cobden policy, and had the situation remained as it was fifty years ago, there would not be the doubts and misgivings as to the soundness of the free trade policy that we hear of today. But other nations have taken to manufacturing. Already they supply not only their own wants but many of those of other countries which have been among Great Britain's best customers. They have now erected tariff barriers against British manufacturers and each year sees the market open to the latter becoming smaller as foreign rivals extend their operations and make their tariffs more stringent.

Certainly the matter would seem to be one for the most careful and thorough investigation. A Royal Commission is probably the best instrument to conduct such an inquiry. If the decision at which it arrives is adverse to any change, it will doubtless give such reasons for its conclusion as will modify the opinion held by so many that a new policy is necessary. If it should recommend a reform in the present system, it will go a long way to bring it about.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

Lord Esher, who seems to wield supreme power, is making a clean sweep at the War Office. He has not contented himself with displacing the members of the Army Council; he has attacked the staffs and is bringing in new men as senior assistants to back up the new men. The disappearance of the Fourth Army Corps has been decided upon. Indeed all the Army corps except the first are doomed. The late heads have all been provided for, having been assigned to independent commands, but they no longer constitute the controlling power. Lord Roberts is permanently retired after a splendid record in the field which no British General now living can approach. His retirement at short notice shows that republics are not the only governments that are ungrateful.

A BRIEF HISTORY.

The Nineteenth Century for February has an interesting account of the historic relation of Japan and Korea, by Mr. Joseph H. Longford, former British Consul at Nagasaki. Mr. Longford predicted that war would follow the aggressive attitude of Russia in the Orient some time before hostilities began. A couple of hundred years after the Christian era Japan invaded Korea and established a protectorate over the kingdom. In 1592 the Japanese again invaded the peninsula and devastated it. Thousands were put to the sword and vast quantities of spoil were carried away. The conquerors made captive most of the leading artists and intellectual men of the kingdom and deported them to Japan. Previous to this Korea was well advanced in the arts and sciences; but she quickly declined to the position she now occupies, and Korean art can scarcely be said to exist. When Japan adopted Western habits Korea declined to longer remain a tributary, accepted China as a suzerain and openly insulted Japan. In 1875 a Japanese boat having been fired on by Koreans, a force was landed and Korea was forced to open two ports to Japanese trade. Since 1882 Japan has maintained a small force of troops at Seoul for the protection of her legation. In 1894 Japan demanded that the Chinese suzerainty over Korea should cease and the war of that year followed which ended in Japan obtaining her object. In 1895 the Queen of Korea and a number of her relatives were murdered in the palace by persons who were friendly to Japanese supremacy. The King flew to the Russian legation for protection and Russia took the place formerly occupied by China. The King granted a concession to certain Russian subjects to cut lumber in the valley of the Yalu river,

and so Russia got an entering wedge. Timber was cut, the territory was occupied and points on the Yalu river were fortified so as to give an effective command of the navigation of that stream. The Japanese became alarmed. With Korea and Manchuria in Russian hands Japan might well be concerned for her own safety. Her national existence was in peril. Russia would give no satisfactory guarantees and prolonged negotiations with the object of completing her preparations for maintaining her ground. The patience of Japan was exhausted. The hour had struck and the bolts of war were launched. In Mr. Longford's opinion the war is, on the part of Japan, as purely defensive as any that has ever been waged in history.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Owing to the Star subscription book having been mislaid during the burning of the A. E. Howse Co.'s store, where the book is usually kept, some subscribers may not receive their paper. Please notify this office.—Similkameen Star.

The total output of the mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.'s collieries at Coal Creek, Morrissey and Michel for the month of February amounted to 71,000 tons. This is 6,000 tons below the highest monthly record which was made in January when 77,000 tons were mined. Coal Creek and Morrissey fell off a little and Michel's output was slightly increased. Operations have been seriously retarded at all the mines by the heavy and almost continuous snowfall of the latter part of the month. The trouble acted in two ways, it directly interfered with the industry by blocking tracks and delaying outside work, and it blocked up transportation and caused a series of car shortages which in turn affected the mining operations.—Pernie Free Press.

J. A. Griffith has bonded the Overland, Lily, Wandulla, Pacific, Copper, Iron, Nona, Brooklyn and Hecla claims from Ole Lerino, Gust Berg and Nels Bodine. These properties are extensions of the famous Six Glass group since a few months ago for a large amount. There are two leases on the property, one of which carries a pay streak which runs 625 ounces in silver and 40 per cent lead. Boston capitalists are connected with the deal and the building work will be started at an early date as far as possible.—Trout Lake Topic.

A. C. Flumerfelt, president of the International Coal & Coke Co., is well satisfied with the result of recent development work in the company's colliery at Coleman, Alta. "Our output in December was 2,500 tons," said Mr. Flumerfelt yesterday. "In January it amounted to 3,000 tons and the showing for the past month although not received will prove equally large. This is certainly a good showing considering that development work was only started on October 22nd last, the force only working 25 days each month. The coal is of excellent quality and finds a ready market.—Grand Forks Gazette.

The members of Tantal Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., have every reason to feel proud of their latest achievement, the erection of a new and commodious building, within whose walls is their own lodge-room. The whole of the upper story is devoted to lodge purposes and consists of a large, airy, well lighted, comfortably furnished hall, with several ante rooms attached. All the rooms are carpeted throughout and present a very cosy appearance. Last night the hall was dedicated to the purposes of Odd-fellowship and nearly 200 members and guests, a large proportion of whom were ladies, were in attendance to witness the interesting ceremony, which was entirely conducted by members of the local lodge, who were assisted by the local committee of commendable ability.—Kamloops Sentinel.

PRESS COMMENT.

The railway schools of Russia are among the most interesting of all nations. When the great Siberian railway is completed it will form a practical westward continuation of the American trunk lines, connected by international ferries in the form of gigantic steamships. It was the construction of the wonderful Siberian railway which largely liberalized all Russia and turned its attention to the education of children. At the last reports Russia was teaching 9,000 children in railway schools. The branches of modern railway construction and operation, Russia recently sent two eminent ministers of affairs to this country to examine the railway system of the United States. The Young Men's Christian Association for the immediate introduction of the service at division points of the railways of all Russia.—Harper's Weekly.

A friend who leads a very active life has a theory that the preservation of a good figure depends to some extent on the manner of walking. Many people, she says, as they advance in years, allow themselves to walk heavily and without elasticity, so that the whole weight rests on the lower part of the limbs at every step, the only effect of walking being weariness of the legs and feet. Instead of this the body should be held erect and poised so as to have a perfect balance; in this way the muscles are braced and strengthened throughout, the lungs must of necessity be well expanded, and it seems quite reasonable to suppose that the tendency to increase of weight may be checked. At all events a lighter step and brisker gait are certainly more conducive to good health and that in itself is a very great gain.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

Mr. Armand Gautier is bringing out a work on dietetics, in which he debates naturally the old question of vegetarian and meat diets. M. Gautier at once repudiates the proposition that physical strength and health can be sustained by vegetable foods, pointing to the indisputable fact that the Russian peasantry, the fellahs of Egypt, the porters of Constantinople, the Parisian soldiers, the laborers of the Danubian and many other large classes of mankind live wholly or nearly so on vegetable fare and are strong and vigorous. He admits generally also that the vegetarian is less disposed to get into cholerics, neurasthenia and to mental excitement. The general result at which M. Gautier arrives is that Europeans generally eat too much meat, and that a more vegetable diet would be far nearer the true ideal.—London Telegraph.

There is a dramatic significance in the fact that this Russian revolution should have been announced to the world by Admiral Alexieff. It is he, Russia's first viceroy in the Far East, who by his headstrong and ambitious counsels is believed to have launched the Imperial Government on the recklessly aggressive policy which has now to encounter the arbitrament of war. In the surprise of the Russian warships, warned, apparently, too late by their patrol boats, unexpected against torpedoed, and exposed in the open roadstead under Russia's great Manchurian fortress, we seem to read the nemesis of a diplomacy which has outrun its power of preparation and scotched from the first at the courage and capacity of its future foe. It may seem at first sight rather surprising that Russia should have taken the initiative in publishing her version of the events of the revolution. But she had, no doubt, political reasons for her action. In any case, it is quite impossible for Russia to endeavor to make reparation of the disconcerting promptness with which Japan has delivered her ultimatum. The cases in which a formal declaration of war precedes the outbreak of hostilities have been comparatively rare in modern history. Russia, at all events, has honored the tradition more by the breach than the observance.—London Times.

MEN AND THINGS.

The Danish castle of Kronborg, famous as the scene of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," is threatened by destruction by the undermining of the Kattegat. The foundations are seriously damaged and the castle may have to be pulled down together with the terrace on which the ghost of Hamlet's father appeared.

Nearly every city in the interior of Egypt is now lighted by electricity.

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Sir Samuel Montagu has placed at the disposal of the London County Council \$50,000 for workmen's cottages at Edmonton.

Efforts are being made to collect sufficient funds to build a church in Stockholm to the memory of Emmanuel Swedenborg.

The total receipts of animals at the Chicago stockyards in 1903 were 15,713,515, a slight increase over the preceding year.

Signor Francolini, of Spoleto, Italy, asserts that the little Clitunno river, formerly venerated by the Romans as a holy stream, contains radium.

It is estimated that nearly all the pine timber now growing in Minnesota (about 20,000,000 feet) will be cut and marketed within the next fifteen years.

Of the \$676,023.502 wages paid by railways of the United States, 2 per cent goes to general officers, 15 per cent to other officers, engineers and conductors, and 83 per cent to the other employees.

The new Lord Mayor of London, Sir James Thomas Ritchie, is a brother of the Right Hon. Charles Thomas Ritchie, who has just resigned the Chancellorship of the Exchequer.

Georgia's new vagrancy law makes it lawful to put to work on the highways any adult who can not show he has regular employment. As a result of the enforcement of this law the highways of that State are being put in the finest condition.

All new schools in Switzerland have a portion of the ground floor appropriated for baths. Each class bathes about once a fortnight summer and winter. Soap is used, and a warm bath is followed by a cooler one. Sick children and those having skin diseases are excluded.

France has 464,556 saloons to supply the wants of 38,606,366 inhabitants, and this number is constantly increasing. During the last ten years the consumption of alcohol in France has increased in alarming proportions, while England and the United States have progressed toward temperance.

Curious ceremonies are witnessed in Slam when one of the sacred white elephants dies. It is given a funeral grander than that accorded to princes about once a fortnight. Buddhist priests officiate, and thousands of devout Siamese men and women follow the deceased animal to the grave. Jewels and offerings representing some thousands of pounds are buried with the elephant.

Ellen Fleming has died at 185 Madison avenue, New York, after 54 years of continuous service in one family. She came from Ireland early in 1850 and in two weeks went to work in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Leavenworth. She remained there until Miss Leavenworth married Sir Roderick W. Cameron, who had been in New York. She went with the bride, whom she had known from childhood, and has been with Lady Cameron ever since.

Neither the hangman of Paris, is about to bring a libel suit against the editor of a paper which, in the course of an article attacking capital punishment in general, passed some severe strictures upon the public functionary named, M. Diebler points out in a published letter that the editor has no right to couple the functionary with the function. As a matter of fact, he says, he is opposed to capital punishment, "but," he adds sardonically, "one must live."

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Local News.

Purchased Residence.—A. U. Davis, who recently arrived from Eastern Canada with the intention of making his home in this city has purchased Mr. Marshall's cottage on Pandora avenue.

Memorial Service.—As announced in the Colonist yesterday, a short memorial service will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral for the late Archbishop of Rupert's Land, whose funeral will take place at Winnipeg this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Isolation Hospital.—Among the matters discussed at the last meeting of the board of health was the question of admitting provincial patients to the isolation hospital. It was decided to guarantee payment will have to be made by the government before these patients are admitted in the future.

"Bodwell & Lawson."—Mr. L. P. Duff having by reason of his appointment as a judge of the Supreme court, retired from the firm of Bodwell & Duff, a new firm has been formed, of which Mr. Bodwell, J. H. Lawson, jun., and Mr. H. C. Lawson are the members. The business will be continued under the name of "Bodwell & Lawson."

Religious Instruction.—At the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening (Rev. Dr. Campbell will continue his series of sermons on the "Church and State.") The next discourse promises to be of exceptional interest, the subject being "The Relation of the State to Religious Instruction in Public Schools; Should the Bible be Introduced in the School by Law of State?"

For Clean Streets.—The new wearing bylaw, which is now in effect, provides that no person shall sweep, cut or spit on any sidewalk or street, or firewood upon any street or upon any public sidewalk within the limits of the city. The former bylaw defined the prohibited area so as to include just the business section of the city. The new ordinance enlarges this area so as to be bounded by the municipal limits.

The Dog Show.—There is every indication that the forthcoming Victoria Kennel Club show will attract more entries than on any previous occasion. The bonus offered by the association to all handlers bringing over a string of ten or more entries is resulting in an increased interest all along the coast. Last year only one fancier entered dogs from Seattle, but next month there will be two, and perhaps three, representatives from that city.

B. C. Apples in England.—The Fruit Grower, of London, England, in its issue of February 11th, says: "Some excellent samples of British Columbia apples have reached this country of late in the form of small trial shipments. One lot was disposed of at Liverpool, one at Glasgow, and finally one came to London. The two former shipments have been well received, and the latter satisfactory prices. We have had samples of the fruits sent us, and these were of excellent quality and in sound condition."

Gun Club Shoot.—It has been decided to hold the first shoot for the Victoria Gun Club trophy on April 10th at Langford Plains. The cup is at present held by W. H. Adams, who won it at the last season's shooting, making the creditable score of 24 out of a possible 30. Two of these cup shoots are held annually, one early in the spring and the other late in the fall. Adams and the members are practicing in order to get in shape to capture the coveted cup from Mr. Adams. Keen competition is, therefore, expected.

Henry Murray Dead.—News has reached the city through a notice in the Typographical Journal, of the death at El Paso, Texas, the other day of J. H. Murray, a native of Victoria and for the greater part of his life a resident here. He served in the capacity of compositor for many years on the local press, and was one of the best known of the old-time printers. About fifteen years ago he left Victoria and went to the southern states. He was a brother of Sergeant Frank Murray of the provincial police staff.

Popular Officer.—Previous to his departure yesterday from Vancouver for Victoria, Mr. J. H. Murray, acting chief steward on the R. M. S. Empress of India, was presented with a gold headed cane by the fellow officers of the ship. Mr. Pyatt made the last trip of the India as steward, relieving Chief Steward Warner during the latter's absence in England. Thos. Proctor, electrician on the Empress of India, made the presentation, and in doing so expressed regret at losing Mr. Pyatt. The latter suitably replied. Refreshments were then served and the health of Mr. Pyatt and also that of Mr. Warner honored.

Exodus of Japs.—There is a great exodus of Japs from England and America to the Orient. The bookings for the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of India, which leaves Victoria on March 21st are of an unprecedented nature, owing to the number of Japanese who have secured first-class berths. Already 35 Japanese, who include officers and gentlemen traveling on the continent, have taken first-class tickets at the London office. These heavy bookings prove that the Japanese regard the Canadian Pacific steamers as giving the speediest and safest passage.

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Amateur Orchestra.—The Victoria Amateur Orchestra Society will likely give its first concert shortly after Easter.

Friendly Help.—A fine attendance of members is requested at the annual meeting of the Friendly Help Society in the city hall this afternoon at 2.30.

Hunt Club Meeting.—The regular weekly run of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held this afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, from Work Point.

Inspecting Properties.—A Colorado expert with Mr. Holcomb arrived at Quatsino on the last steamer to look at the June group. Snow, however, lies heavily there, and the June summit, something unknown for years at that end of the island.

The Pulp Mill.—Provincial Constable B. W. Leeson, who is stationed at Quatsino, reports that the necessary \$200,000 for pulp mill development has been raised, and a sawmill will soon be installed. West Houston and party are expected at Quatsino any day to decide on a site and to start men to work.

Meeting With Success.—The different unions of the city are responding with enthusiasm to the proposal of the Trades and Labor Council to raise the sum of \$125 for the purpose of furnishing one of the wards in connection with the new Strathcona wing. Already \$20 has been contributed, and it is expected that, as the regular meetings of other unions are held, the fund will be augmented.

Portlatch in Progress.—A big Indian portlatch with all its ancient ceremonies is now in progress at Fort Rupert. The barbarous customs of old are still practiced and that, too, within a few days' sail from Vancouver. The Indians congregated in large numbers, they borrow all the money and procure all the blankets possible at a rate of interest beyond all reason; they abandon all pursuits of labor and revel in the weird festivities so revolting to civilization.

An Irish Window.—In honor of the approach of St. Patrick's Day, the manager of the West End Grocery Company has had one of the large show windows dressed in green with a tempting display of bottles containing the best brand and drops of "the craythur"—Burke's, Powers' and Jamieson's. The window has been very skillfully decorated and it is a credit to the clerk who had the job in hand.

Championship Game.—At the Drill hall this evening the Victoria West team will line up against the Nanaimo five in a match game of basketball for the championship of British Columbia. This will be the only game played for British Columbia championship honors. Both teams are in fine condition and a struggle is anticipated. Play will commence at 8:15 o'clock. An excellent musical programme will be rendered by the regimental band, commencing at 8:30 o'clock.

Yreka Shipments.—A. F. Gwin, is authorized by the statement that the Yreka Copper Company's property at Quatsino for the shipment of ore to the Crofton smelter as soon as the season is sufficiently advanced. Messrs. Gwin, Bellinger and Bellinger, who have a contract for the shipment of 100,000 tons to the smelter this summer, have been doing considerable development work. A tunnel has been constructed in order that the ore may be more easily reached. Mr. Gwin expressed the opinion that Messrs. Green and Bellinger would charter a special boat to carry the ore to the smelter.

Commander Hunt Here.—Among the passengers on the Charnier yesterday morning on her delayed trip from Vancouver was Commander A. T. Hunt, who has been appointed to the command of H. M. S. Shearwater and will leave here for his arrival from the south. This change is made necessary in consequence of the promotion of the present officer in charge, Capt. Unfreville, to the rank of Captain. The promotion was made in June last. He will return to England and be assigned to a larger vessel. The new commander of the Shearwater was promoted to his present rank in June, 1900. On July, 1902, he was assigned to the second-class armored battleship Temeira, a depot ship for fleet reserve at Devonport.

Left Large Estate.—Application for probate of the will of the late Edward Martin, K. C. of 1141th St., was made by the two sons, executors, Messrs. K'wan and D'Arcy Martin. The estate is valued at \$260,640.24, and consists of money secured by mortgages, \$87,700; bank and other securities, \$67,116.77; other personal property, \$15,587.53; real estate, \$107,435.75. The widow receives an annuity of \$3,500, together with a life estate in Ballinacree, the residence, which is to be for her use and the use of her children. The balance of the estate goes to the eight children in equal shares. Two sons, Mr. Justice Martin and Alexis Martin, and one daughter, Mrs. A. P. Linton, reside in this city.

Arduous Journey.—Constable B. W. Leeson recently had a difficult journey in removing from Quatsino to Nanaimo a prisoner named J. Costello, sentenced to six months' hard labor for supplying intoxicants to Indians. The constable and his prisoner tramped over the trail from Quatsino to Hardy Bay. Three feet of snow lay on the ground, and it took the party eight hours to walk ten miles. The journey was a most arduous one, and emphasizes the necessity, Mr. Leeson thinks, of a court at Quatsino.

At Hardy Bay, William Hunt's soap was secured, and the party started from there, where the prisoner was to be held in a hearing here the Indian agent at Fort Rupert the snow was storm bound for two days. With many new enterprises starting up at Quatsino Mr. Leeson is of the opinion that there should be no occasion for such a difficult journey.

Some Divorce Figures.—Rev. M. A. Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at Seattle, preached a sermon on the divorce problem last Sunday evening, which created a tremendous sensation. In the course of his remarks he said: "Your sister county along the American border granted divorces in thirty-two years, thus: Ontario, 63; Nova Scotia, 42; New Brunswick, 77; British Columbia, 47; Prince Edward Island not a single one in thirty-two years. That makes only 285 divorces in thirty-two years, while this great country of ours granted 10,000. King county alone can beat British America's record. In King county in 1903 the number of petitions in the clerk's office was 675, and you granted 518, against Canada's 285 in thirty-two years. You refused to grant a divorce last November; you have yet 146 to be acted upon as soon as the tired judges can get to them. In other words, you granted nearly twice as many divorces in one year in King county as the whole of British America in thirty-two years."

White Horse Booming.—In anticipation of the rush in the spring to the new placer diggings, the merchants of White Horse are laying in provisions, the stocks of general supplies from which the wants of every person going to the creeks may be supplied. Already there are a lot of people there preparing to go in to the creeks over the snow with their outfit. White Horse merchants have been given to understand by the White Pass & Yukon Railway officials that a good steamship service from there up the Tahkna river to Mendocino Landing, on the coast to the west, will be put in operation on the coming of navigation. Commissioner Congdon of the Yukon has also given assurance that if the development of the new claim warrants, he will see to it that the territorial Government constructs a wagon road from White Horse to the diggings.

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A Promising Mine.—C. H. Dickie, M. P. P., announced that the Richard Hill mine at Mount Sicker is now getting twenty tons of ore a day from its mine to the Crofton smelter. As soon as the snow leaves this may be increased. From the twenty tons a day shipment there is a profit of \$200 a day to the company.

Slate Quarry.—A fine sample of slate for roofing purposes has been obtained from a quarry located in Jarvis inlet. The slate is of a very good quality, and, like everything else in this country, there is no limit to the quantity obtainable. No doubt there is a bright future in store for this industry.

Benefit Concert.—All charitably disposed persons should remember that on Monday evening next at the Victoria theatre a grand benefit concert will be given under the auspices of the Sons of England in aid of the Red Cross. The best local talent has been secured, and an excellent programme will, therefore, be presented.

Lillooet Bye-Election.—Advices from Lillooet are to the effect that the general impression there is that no opposition will be offered the government candidate in the approaching bye-election for the provincial house. Last evening Premier McBride addressed a large meeting at Lillooet and was accorded a splendid reception.

Cadet Corps.—Everything is now in readiness for enrolling the proposed new High school cadet corps. The instructor has been arranged for, and a sufficient number of boys have signified their intention of joining to complete the strength. It is likely that the uniforms will be obtained from Messrs. B. Williams & Co.

Children's Field Day.—A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of those interested in arranging field day sports for the school children during the summer was held yesterday in the office of Superintendent C. P. Leeson. There being present a majority of the trustees and the principals of the various public schools. After giving the matter full consideration it was decided to hold the event during the first week in September at Beacon hill, and a committee consisting of Principals Cameron, Williams, Gillis and Tait was appointed to prepare the draft of a programme to be considered at future meeting. Mr. Clair, school instructor in the public schools, will take a prominent part in preparing the children for their exercises.

New Harbor Wharves.—The state-maintained wharves on the bay fronting the Alaskan Steamship Company, have acquired a waterfront lot on the north side of James Bay for the purpose of constructing extensive dockage facilities. In this connection it is to be mentioned that a rumor is afloat to the effect that local harbor supervisors are opposed to granting the C. P. Leeson space for the company for their new wharves on the south side of James Bay. It is claimed that the C. P. Leeson calls for a wharf extending 150 feet into the bay fronting the C. P. Leeson wharf, and that the disposition of the authorities is to only grant right to extend 100 feet.

Knights of Pythias.—Business was held at Victoria Lodge No. 17, K. of P., on Thursday night when five candidates were initiated in the Page rank, one advanced to the Esquire rank and one application for membership was received. Also one resignation. Old members of the order who were in attendance say the work of No. 17's team cannot be surpassed. Thanks to the instructions given them by their captain, Bro. W. S. Stanner, the lodge is at present working under charter rates, and from prospects ahead quite a number of new members will be taught the lessons of the friendship of Damon and Pythias on the stage at the Victoria theatre in the near future. Rehearsals are in progress almost nightly and the costumes which are being made in Toronto will be something gorgeous.

INITIAL STEPS FOR A UNIVERSITY

Progress Reported at Meeting of Executive of Association Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting was held in the Tourist Association rooms of the executive of the British Columbia University Association, which had been nominated by the legislature as the body to prepare a resolution passed at a meeting held at the City hall on Thursday, January 28th last, composed of a large number of Victoria's prominent citizens.

In the presence of the Chief Justice, the Rev. W. Leslie Clay was voted to the chair. The Hon. Chief Justice was elected permanent chairman; Mr. P. B. Penherton, deputy chairman, and Mr. D. H. Helmecken, K. C., secretary. Mr. Cuthbert stating that he could not continue to act on account of his other duties.

Mr. Cuthbert reported with reference to the deputations to the premier, that he had written to the premier, to wait upon the provincial government, with the object of asking them to introduce a bill to set aside two or three million acres of land in the province for university purposes, that he had written the government on February 4th asking for an interview, if possible, before the House rose, but owing to pressure of work due to the closing of the session, it had been impossible to secure an interview for the deputation at that time. He took advantage of the opportunity at the close of the visit of another deputation to mention the matter to the premier, who advised that, as the House had already adjourned, he would be glad to meet the deputation at some future date to hear their views. He expressed himself as, personally, being in sympathy with the university cause, and the suggestion to set aside one or two million acres of land for that purpose.

A general discussion followed, in which the Rev. Dr. Rowe, Archdeacon of the Diocese, Mr. A. H. Henderson, Mr. Oliver, F. B. Penherton and A. E. McMillan, K. C., took part, all the speakers strongly endorsing the policy of urging the government to adopt this plan of assistance.

Several committees were appointed to carry on certain branches of the work and to report at their next meeting.

See The New Ready-to-wear Hats At The White House

Juvenile Actors.—For some months back Master Freddie Stender has been practicing and completing a theatre at the rear of his father's house on Blanchard street. For the past six weeks he has been rehearsing with eight of his companions "Cinderella" in three acts and two tableaux, which was played last night, under his direction, in a way which reflects great credit on the part of all who have taken part. The costumes worn were very pretty and have been designed and arranged by Miss Marie Scott, much to the credit of that young lady, who also dressed the young folks. Miss Stender played several selections, and accompanied all the songs on the piano. The parents and friends of the young people expressed no small amount of praise for having witnessed the performance.

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Shay Grand Opera Company at the Victoria Theatre Last Night.

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Verdi's timeless masterpiece, "Il Trovatore," was sung last night at the Victoria opera house by the Rose Cecilia Shay Grand Opera Company to an appreciative but not large audience. The work of this company deserved much better patronage, but no doubt the fact that most people have heard "Il Trovatore" so often, and the fact that the principal singers in an opera company seldom appear in it, deterred many from going last night. Yet they missed a genuine musical treat thereby, for Miss Shay and her company certainly did justice to the popular composition.

Miss Shay took the difficult and exacting part of Azucena with distinguished merit. Her voice is an extraordinary one, and the fact that she sings in some of its masculine tones reminds one of the inimitable Scatchi; so "celic," and resonant; withal so tuneful and true. Miss Shay's acting of the part was also good, lacking the terrible Italian passion and fire which, probably, can be expected only from natives of the Latin peninsula. In the last solemn scene in the prison the beautiful and excellent "Home Sweet Home," being delightfully given.

The part of Leonora was charmingly taken by Miss Mary Carrington, whose sweet, birdlike notes captivated the audience, while her dramatic action left little to be grumbled at. While not in the class of the greatest of Leonoras, Januschowsky, there were passages and strains that powerfully reminded one of that great Venetian. Miss Carrington's singing pleased the audience about as well as anything in the whole opera.

Mr. Joseph Frederick's Maurice was marred by vocal eccentricities, of which the most annoying was a tendency to drop into falsetto at the softer passages, and by a certain defiance of key when in the higher notes. His conception of the part, however, was good, and excepting the faults noted, he certainly made an excellent impression.

The "voice of the evening" was undoubtedly that of Mr. James Stevens as Count de Luna. It is a rich baritone of great range and under fine control. In the several immortal ditties with which "Il Trovatore" sparkles, such as the exquisite and ever popular "Il Balen del son Sorsito" for which the Count de Luna is famous, Mr. Stevens sang with a fullness of tone and a richness of color that was truly a pleasure to the ear. The music portion of the chorus is, in general, excellent. The Shay orchestra would do well to pay heed to their leader's suggestions, especially in the matter of tuning, for some of the best singing was rather over-ruled with the concord of sweet sounds from the instrumentation department. With those trifling exceptions, the performance was a triumph for the Shay company that it is superior to anything that has been here during the present opera season.

"Il Trovatore" is not, for obvious reasons, a fair test of any opera company's powers; for the somewhat ill-fated reason that it is so well known by most operatic singers that rehearsal is neglected; the leaders generally sing the part for the company, and the company, in turn, sing the part for the company.

"Il Trovatore" played up to the standard of the grand old opera when it was fresh and young, and had not been eclipsed by successive meteoric appearances in the operatic world, or put upon the barrel organs of a city, for, as is well known, the sun never sets upon the barrel organ organization of "Il Trovatore."

This afternoon, however, in "The Bohemian Girl," and in the evening, in "Faust," the Shay company will give Victorians a real chance to sample their undoubted merits. There should be plenty of support for a company which includes upon its roster such singers as those mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs.

The New Diggins.—The latest reports from the new Asek diggins are of the most encouraging nature, and with the close approach of spring the market value of placer claims on all the creeks is increasing rapidly. Claims which could be purchased on some of the creeks last fall for from \$100 to \$500, can now be bought at the present time for \$1,000 or \$1,500, the increase being caused by the discovery of good values during the past few months. Although the winter had been exceptionally severe, and operations had been curtailed under difficult conditions, the sun had sunk on many of the creeks had discovered good values.

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HOCKEY.

Ottawa Retain Stanley Cup. Ottawa, March 11.—The Ottawa team defeated Brandon 9 to 3 tonight, and retain the hockey championship of the Dominion and the Stanley Cup.

Montreal vs. New York. New York, March 11.—A fast and stubbornly contested game of hockey here tonight between the Wanderers, of this city, champions of the Amateur Hockey League, and the Victorias, of Montreal, resulted in a rather unsatisfactory draw, each side having scored eight goals. Davidson, the Canadian cover point, was injured during the first half, and the game was delayed. The Wanderers had the better of the first half, and it was then agreed that each side should play six men, the two injured players going out.

Practice Today. The regular weekly practice of the Victoria Hockey Club will take place this afternoon at the usual time and place. All players are earnestly requested to turn out so that all members of the team may be in the "pink" for their coming matches with the bar-tracks.

WRESTLING.

The World's Championship. New York, March 11.—Tom Jenkins, world's champion wrestler, defeated John Coiling, "The Butcher Boy," tonight in a match of mixed style wrestling. The first fall, catch-as-catch-can, was won by Jenkins in 28 minutes 10 seconds. The next bout, Gracie-Roman, went the time limit of one hour, neither being able to secure a fall.

Davis vs. Berg. Before a packed house Tom Davies, of Nanaimo, defeated John Berg, of Whatcom, in a fast and most exciting match at the Vancouver opera house. Both men were in the pink of condition and worked hard and cautiously throughout. Many of the knowing ones who witnessed the match remarked that it was one of the fiercest fought, and even contests they had ever had the pleasure of witnessing. Davies won the first fall after a heroic struggle in one hour and seven minutes with an inside croch and half Nelson. Berg's custom man tried in vain to free himself, but his two shoulders were gradually forced to the floor. After a rest of ten minutes both combatants got down to business again, and after twenty minutes, Davies, tired and in, but appeared exhausted, and for a time seemed to have lost his strength. After some pretty work, Berg secured an English croch and finally put the Nanaimo man on his back, the official time for the fall being exactly one hour and eleven minutes. In the final and deciding bout both men appeared tired and worked in turns on the aggressive, and after a struggle of twenty minutes, Davies suddenly secured a good hold on Berg's arm and, lifting him high in the air, threw him with all force on the mat. It was a beautiful fall, bringing much applause from the audience. The referee promptly awarded the match to Davies.

After the match Berg came before the footlights, and in a fair and sportsmanlike manner, acknowledged his defeat, saying that he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting Davies again.

Frank A. Gitch, champion catch-as-catch-can, refereed in a very fair and impartial manner. Mr. D. B. McMillan, holding the watch, everyone in the house feeling thoroughly satisfied they had got their money's worth.

The measure of the two men is as follows:

John Berg—Age, 26 years; weight, 165 pounds; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; neck, 17 1/4 in.; chest, 42 1/2 in.; waist, 32 1/2 in.; hips, 38 in.; thigh, 23 1/2 in.; calf, 12 in.; biceps, 15 in.; forearm, 13 1/4 in.; wrist, 5 1/2 in.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Columbus vs. Garrison.

If the weather remains fine no doubt the largest crowd that has ever witnessed an Association football game will be on hand at the Caledonia grounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon to see the match between the above mentioned clubs. This is the fourth time these teams have met this season each having won one and the other two drawn, and it may be safely said that both teams will be out to win, and although the Garrison are no doubt the heavier team and have a combination which will be hard to get away from, on the other hand the Columbus are bringing out several dark horses, and if they prove to be as good as they look, they will be on the winning side.

The standing of the teams in the league are as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garrison	2	1	0	1	3
Victoria	2	1	0	1	3
Columbia	2	0	1	1	1

It can be seen by the above table that the teams are very close to one another in points, and a win for the Garrison will give them a good lead to defend the cup at Nanaimo.

Columbia's team—Ed. White goal; Johnson and Ishister, backs; Rutherford, Mackinnon and Wyman, half backs; Connell, Bentley, Hooker, Moore and O'Kelly, forwards.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Collegiate vs. North Ward.

The Collegiates will meet the North Ward in a rugby match this morning on the Caledonia grounds at 10:30 sharp, and a hot contest is promised. The following players will represent the North Wards: Full back, V. Auld; three-quarters, N. Seabrook, C. W. White, W. Cox and C. Hall; half backs, J. Dakers, T. Johnson; forwards, W. Smith, C. Bowman, B. Hall, C. McCarter, A. McGreor, J. Gill, E. Devlin and C. McIntosh.

Final League Match. The final league match, which was to have taken place today at Nanaimo between the Hornets and Victoria fifteen, has been postponed indefinitely, as although every effort was made by the local fifteen to get a strong representative team together, it was found impracticable, many of the best men not being able to get away, and in all probability the game will not be played this year.

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ball team left for Vancouver where they meet the Sixth Regiment tomorrow night, although very much handicapped by the absence of Frank Smith, who unfortunately is unable to accompany them. The boys feel confident and intend to put up a hard fight. Smith's position at centre will be filled by K. Hughes, whose reputation is well known to all lovers of basketball and football. The following team will represent the Bays: Guards—Pettingill and Finlayson. Centre—Hughes. Forwards—Belyea and Peden.

Seattle Ladies vs. Vancouver College. The members of the Seattle Ladies High school team will line up against the girls team of the Vancouver College this evening in Vancouver. Coach D. H. Stewart has been putting his girls through the hardest kind of practice, and although they are aware that they are going up against the best team they have been scheduled to play this season they feel confident of victory.

Nanaimo vs. V. W. A. A. The exciting game in the Provincial League series between the V. W. A. team and the Mosquitoes of Nanaimo tonight in the Drill Hall, promises to be a scientific and splendid exhibition of this popular winter game. Both teams are in first-class fettle and prepared to play the game of their lives. The championship depends upon the result and each individual member of the respective teams may be depended upon to play the game to the finish.

The Mosquitoes will be represented by the five stalwart and speedy players who won and held the championship last year. V. Stewart (capt.), S. Stewart, Rosewell, Bennett and Bryan, with Ford reserve. The V. W. A. A. team will be the five regulars who have so splendidly upheld the reputation of their club in all their matches this year: O. Fairall (capt.), W. Fairall, Crocker, F. Baker and H. Monteth, with J. Hancock reserve.

The friends and admirers of both teams are watching with interest the movements of these two splendid and well matched teams and feel satisfied that the winning team will well earn whatever they may get and thoroughly deserve the title of "Champions of B. C."

The V. W. A. A. have made arrangements with mine host and hostess of the Poodle Dog, and hope to entertain the Nanaimo athletes as their guests after the game and fight their battles over again.

V. W. A. A. vs. Ladysmith. Arrangements have been made for a game to be played between Victoria West and Ladysmith teams in this city on the 26th at the Drill hall.

SHUFFLEBOARD. Y. M. C. A. Tournery. One of the closest matches of the shuffle tournament in connection with the Y. M. C. A. was played last evening. It was between J. Middleton and Hosking and Whyte and Lorimer. The former couple won after some most exciting play. In the first set Middleton and Hosking won by 2-1, in the second they were beaten by 10 points, the score being 10-20. The decisive struggle, however, resulted in a second win for Middleton and Hosking by a score of 21-13. One more of the semi-finals remains to be played. The finals will be arranged for as soon as possible.

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MARITIME REGULATIONS. Rome, March 11.—The powers have manifested the intention of coming to an understanding in regard to a common law to be applied by the powers in case of conflicts between their powers, especially regarding maritime regulations. Italy had already undertaken negotiations to this effect, particularly with France, at the time of the Spanish-American war, but they have not yet come to a definite conclusion.

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FORGIVENESS.

"Do you forgive your enemies?" asked the man of earnest piety. "Yes, indeed," answered the financier. "But not until I've given them a good beating or they have given one to me."

BOY HAD PLENTY OF NERVE. There was an accident shortly after the close of a novillado at Plaza Mexico that came near resulting in the death of a few young hopefuls who took it into their heads that they would like to join in the national sport.

Shortly after the crowd left the ring a half dozen young boys of ages ranging from 12 to 15 years got down into the bull ring to play bull fight. One of the little boys had been using his plish lichen cape for a cap in his plays with the other boys and he was near the door when the bull entered. Although one of the opposite gates was open the bull made no effort to get away, but rushed at the boy with the cape.

There was but one thing for the boy to do and he did it. With all the knowledge that he had gained by watching the matadors in the ring he let the bull charge the cape. But his arms were too short and the bull struck him a hard blow, knocking the little fellow fully 50 feet and tearing his shoulder with his horns. The angry bull then turned his attention to the red cape.

When the other boys saw the bull charging them they fled for the fence and climbed to safety, where they watched the bull tearing the cape. Finally it occurred to one of the older boys that by all charging for the bull he might possibly be scared away from the prostrate body of the injured lad. So with clubs and boards they drove the bull from the ring. They gave their attention to the bull none too quickly, for he had fired of pawing the cape and was making for the boy.

When the doctors got in their work on the little fellow, whose name is Angel Morales, they found that the wound was the only thing of consequence, and that although the boy was senseless from the blow there was nothing of a really dangerous nature to fear from the accident, as the hurt was a flesh wound.

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